



REMARKS

1. The Office Action of December 20, 2006 is hereby acknowledged. The shortened statutory period of three (3) months time period for response to this Office Action expires on March 20, 2007. This Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is being mailed by Express Mail, Mail Label No. EM 036056457 US, addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on March 5, 2007. Therefore, this amendment this Amendment is timely filed. In the event that the Commissioner for Patents should determine that any extension of time is required for this Amendment to be timely filed and an appropriate fee is due for that extension of time, then the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 18-2222 for such appropriate fee.

2. The original '267 Application had a total of 17 claims wherein 3 were independent claims. The '267 Application now has a total of 17 total claims wherein 3 are independent claims. Therefore, no additional fee is due. In the event that the Commissioner for Patents should determine that any additional fee is due, then the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 18-2222 for the appropriate fee.

3. The Patent Examiner's very detailed analysis of the '267 Application in the Office Action is acknowledged with great appreciation. The Applicant acknowledges all the statements made by the Examiner concerning the cited references which include United States Patent 6,802,636 to Bailey, Jr. for "ILLUMINATED RECREATIONAL BOARD" and published Patent Application 2002/0163144 issued to Guerra for "SKATEBOARD TRAINING DEVICE" and published Patent Application 2003/0160411 to Turner et al. for "SKATEBOARDS" and the patent issued to Gordon which the Examiner did not specifically enumerate in the list of cited references.


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4. The Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement that there is a difference between the prior references and the noise making features of the present invention. However, the Applicant also respectfully points to the Examiner's statement in the beginning of the second sentence on Page 4 of the Office Action wherein the Examiner states "With respect to claims 7 and 17, there is no suggestion in the prior art of a vertical wall formed by the ridge as recited. The ridge of Bailey, as shown in Figure 7, is rounded. The vertical wall has utility in that a user may rest his or her foot against the wall during use, gaining increased traction and facilitating training. See page 11, lines 6-11 of the specification. As a result, these claims and their dependents contain allowable subject matter." In accordance with this directive, the Applicant has amended Claim 11 of the '267 Application to include the same feature into Claim 11 so that Claim element (d) of Claim 11 now has added to it so that it reads "the upper surface of all three sections having a lowered interior area and a ridge extending along at least a portion of the circumference of the upper surface and extending inwardly such that a vertical wall is formed at the intersection of the interior portion of the ridge and the lowered interior area." Therefore, this limitation which the Examiner stated makes the '267 Application allowable has been added into Independent Claim 11.

5. Accordingly, with this amendment, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims of invention are now in condition for issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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